NOTE IX.

ON LUCANUS ELAPHUS, HERBST.

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In consequence of my enumeration of the Lucanidae hitherto known as inhabiting the island of Sumatra [1]) (Notes Leyd. Mus. 1889. p. 233), I received a letter from Mr. G. Albers of Hannover, in which this well-known student of Lucanoid Coleoptera calls my attention upon the incorrectness of the supposed identity of *Eurytrachelus purpurascens* Voll. and *Lucanus elaphus* Herbst (l. c. p. 236), stating that the latter name almost undoubtedly is relative to *Eurytrachelus concolor* Blanch. (= *Saïga* Oliv. nec Auct.). I without delay examined the question and, in consulting the figures given by Voet, Herbst and Olivier, I fully agree with Albers, notwithstanding Voet calls his insect in the Dutch language »Americaansch vliegend Hart", and Herbst and Olivier respectively mention Virginia and South America as its native country.

I do not know for what reason the Authors of the Munich Catalogue indicate »Sumatra" as being the habitat of *Lucanus elaphus* Herbst, and I am sorry to have based my supposition upon this incorrect statement. (See also Albers in Deuts. Entom. Zeits. 1883. p. 224).

1) Very recently (Ann. and Mag. of Nat. Hist. January 1890. p. 36) Mr. Chas. O. Waterhouse has described a new Sumatran species of the genus *Aegus* under the name of *Aegus Curtisii*. It is, according to the author, nearest to *Aegus amictus* H. Deyr., though at first sight it might be supposed to be allied to *Aegus laevicollis* Saund or *Eschscholtzi* Hope. — At the same time (l. c.) Mr. Waterhouse describes an *Aegus*-species from the Andaman Islands under the name of *Aegus Roepstorffi*, which, according to specimens in our Museum, inhabits also the Nicobar Islands and bears in the late Count Mniszech's collection the name of *Aegus andamanus* H. Deyr.